Date: April 9, 2001

To: Conservation District Procedure Manual Holders

From: Cheryl Witt, Project Officer

Subject: Revision 47 – Section 360, State Grant Procedures and the FY 2001

Implementation Grant Application

Action: See Instructions to Manual Holders Below

This memo contains instructions for a revision to Section 360 of the Conservation District Procedure Manual and an attachment consisting of the FY 2002 Implementation Grant Application.

Because the Commission may make changes in grants policy based on the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) audit and recommendations and those changes would become effective in the second year of the biennium, your new Implementation Grant will be written for only the first year. These grants will be either amended or rewritten for the second year based on policy changes adopted by the Commission.

A total update to Section 360, State Grant Procedure will be done after the Commission reviews and updates its grants policy. Meanwhile, in order to avoid confusion, you should make the following revision to the manual:

Instructions to Conservation District Procedure Manual Holders: this is the forty-seventh numbered revision to the Conservation District Procedure Manual. If you do not have an updated manual, please contact your Field Operations Manager.

- 1. Insert this purple numbered revision cover memo behind the tab "Revisions" and in front of all other revision cover memos.
- 2. Fill in the blanks after line 47 on the Index of Manual Revisions as follows:

#	Sec	Issued	Subject	Date	Who
47	360	4-9-01	State Grant Procedure	Date Inserted	Your Initials

3. Remove and recycle Section 360, Exhibit 360 WQ A1 through A4, B1 through B2, and C1 through C29

Use the attached Water Quality Implementation Grant Application to apply for the \$40,000 in funding that is available July 1, 2001. The application may also be found on the Commission website www.conserver.org. Applications must be submitted on or before June 1, 2001. If your Implementation Grant application is not received by June 1st, your allotted \$40,000 will be put back into the funding pool and will be made available to other districts.

If you have questions, please call me at 407-6205 or Bob Bottman at 407-6204.

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Fiscal Year 2002

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application package is to be used in applying for Water Quality Implementation Grants. You may use the forms in any way that is convenient; type directly onto them, cut and paste information, type your own replicas, or download the electronic version that is available on the Commission's website at: http://www.conserver.org/.

ELIGIBILITY

Only Conservation Districts that can manage money and grants are eligible to receive water quality grants. On FORM C of this application, the District chair must certify that the District meets the requirements or is working to implement the requirements and will comply by the start date of the project.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Grant Applications must include commitment letters or match agreements from agencies, groups and individuals who will contribute cash or in-kind match, and Budget forms must include a breakdown of the match. If agreements or commitment letters cannot be submitted with the package due to circumstances beyond the control of the District, letters of intent may be submitted followed by the actual agreements. A Sample Match Agreement is included as Appendix B.

Implementation Grants must be matched by one dollar of cash or in-kind contributions for every nine grant dollars (10% match requirement).

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Match If your project requires the cooperation and participation of NRCS, contact your local District Conservationist (DC) as soon as possible.

Submit the completed Request for NRCS Assistance form (Appendix C) as an attachment with your grant application. This form includes a place for signatures of the Conservation District Chair, the District Conservationist (DC), and the NRCS State Conservationist (SC). The DC, with concurrence of the NRCS Team, will approve commitment of time and resources if the work involves only team staff or budget. If the project involves work contributed by the state office NRCS staff, the form will be forwarded to the SC for approval. Final approval by the NRCS should be submitted with the grant application (or at least a letter of intent), but positively must be received by the Commission before a contract can be executed.

Time Contributions Used as Match Documented time contributed to the grant project by persons other than personnel paid with grant funds may be claimed at \$18 per hour or more (if a higher hourly rate is supported by salary/benefits information provided to the Commission).

Other Contributions used as Match The value of contributions such as office or meeting space, utilities, supplies, vehicle or equipment use must be based on a documented allocation formula. The allocation may be based on square footage, mileage, or staff as long as it is consistent with other cost sharing calculations used by

the District. Include the allocation formula(s) used to determine the value of contributions as an attachment to your grant application. Other in-kind contributions, such as equipment or supplies may be valued at actual cost.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Implementation Grant applicants will address the following Application Criteria in writing their grant applications. Read the criterion bullets before you develop your project and again before you write your application. Commission Grants staff will use the applicant's written responses to the Application Criteria as well as direct district contact to develop the Implementation Grant contract.

The Application Criteria that you need to address as you write your application are included on each form. A Grant Application Criteria sheet is included as Appendix A.

The chart below shows the individual Application Criterion and the corresponding form.

<u>Form</u>	Application Criteria
D	Water Quality Problem and Goal
E	Project Work Plan
F	Measuring Project Success
G	Local Support and Commitment

USING PROVIDED FORMS

Each Application Criterion is included on a separate form. Using the forms and formats provided will help Commission staff determine whether your project Plan of Work and Budget meet the Implementation Grant Program requirements; and reduce the amount of time it takes to negotiate and prepare the contract.

ADDITIONAL PAGES

There is no official limit on additional pages. The amount of space provided on most forms should allow for a concise and clear response. Try to limit the number of additional pages.

APPLICATION FACE SHEET

The Project Summary section on the Application Face Sheet, Form A, will be used as a reference by Commission staff. Make this a concise and complete description of your proposed project. Limit yourself to the space provided -- do not add an additional page.

BUDGET FORMS

Use the budget forms to help you develop projected grant revenue and expenses. Grant contracts will include a simpler budget at the object level. Your actual expenses will be monitored at the object level (Salaries, Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Cost Share, Goods & Services, Overhead, etc.).

ATTACHMENTS

Put all attachments in the Attachments Section (Form I). Be sure to list them on the form to help refer to them easily. (i.e. Attachment 1- Request for NRCS Assistance)

NUMBER YOUR PAGES

After you have completed your entire grant application, number the pages consecutively. This will help us put your pages back in the right order if your package falls apart or is taken apart.

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

Each District may apply for an Implementation Grant of up to \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2002 (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002).

DUE DATES

Implementation Grant Applications must be submitted on or before June 1, 2001. If your Implementation Grant application is not received by June 1st, your allotted \$40,000 will be put back into the funding pool and will be made available to other districts.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Implementation Grant Applications must be complete. All attachments such as match agreements, letters of support, construction approvals and permits should be included. Attachments submitted after the due date will not be accepted. If agreements or support letters cannot be submitted with the package due to circumstances beyond the control of the District, letters of intent may be submitted followed by the actual agreements. Contracts can not be executed until receipt of the actual agreements.

NUMBER OF COPIES

Submit one original signature Implementation Grant application to the Commission Office in Olympia:

Conservation Commission Water Quality Grant Application PO Box 47721, Olympia WA 98504-7721

COMMISSION PROCEDURAL APPEALS

If a district has a good reason for not meeting the Implementation Grant application deadline, it may submit a written appeal to the Commission within 30 days after the June 1st deadline. The written appeal must clearly and concisely state the nature of the special circumstances for missing the deadline, must contain persuasive justification, and must be presented in-person by a representative of the district at a regular or special meeting of the Conservation Commission. The deadline extension must be approved by the Commission.

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FORM A. FACE SHEET

1) Conservation District Name and Address	2) Grant Contact Person: Name, Title, Phone Number			
3) Federal Tax Identification Number				
4) Short Project Title (five words or less)				
5) Grant ProgramX_ IMPLEMENTATION	COMPETITIVE			
 Grant Category Check the categories that best do project. 	escribes the focus of your water quality			
BMP Implementation Capacity Build	ling Data Collection			
Demonstration Project Information/Ed Research Project Technical Ass				
7) Project Duration Start Date	End Date			
8) Total Project Cost \$ Grant F	Request \$			
9) Project Summary Briefly (in 150 words or less) de project addresses, your project goals and objectives				
project addresses, your project goals and objectives	s, and now you plan to accomplish them.			
10) Signatures I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct and that I am legally authorized to sign and submit this application on behalf of the district.				
Printed Name of Authorized Signatory	Signature of Authorized Signatory			
Title of Authorized Signatory	Date Signed			
11) Instructions Send one original of the Implementation Application, including supporting				
documents to: Conservation Commission, Attention 47721, Olympia, WA 98504-7721.	n: Water Quality Grant Application, PO Box			

FORM B. CHECKLIST

Instructions This checklist is included to help the district and Commission staff keep track of grant application forms. Check boxes when each form is completed. Do not submit instruction pages or other unnecessary pages. After the application is complete, add page numbers.

FORM A:	FACE SHEET
FORM B:	CHECKLIST
FORM C:	MANAGEMENT STANDARDS CHECKLIST
FORM D:	WATER QUALITY PROBLEM AND GOAL
FORM E:	PROJECT WORK PLAN
FORM F:	MEASURING PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS
FORM G:	LOCAL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT
FORM H:	BUDGET
FORM I:	ATTACHMENTS

FORM C. MANAGEMENT STANDARDS CERTIFICATION

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY Water Quality Grants are available only to districts that demonstrate program and money management ability by meeting the Management Standards adopted by the Commission. A district may deviate from the standards 1) for an approved Reasonable Alternative; or 2) during implementation of an approved Action Plan to meet the standards. (See Conservation District Procedure Manual, Section 340, Section 1-A.) Applications for Commission funding require that current certification forms are on file with the Commission.

Instructions Complete the Certification Statement in the box below. Check the box that applies to your district. Follow the additional instructions for Boxes 2 and 3.

MANAGEMENT STANDARDS CERTIFICATION STATEMENT							
	Conservation District						
1.		Certification Forms dated are on file with the Commission. The District still meets these requirements.					
2.		Money and Program Management as Attachments and	Standards Certification forms are included				
3.	Requests a Deviation from Management Standards. The Deviation from Management Standards Form is included as Attachment						
Signatures							
Printed Name of Authorized Signatory Signature of Authorized Signatory							
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FORM D. WATER QUALITY PROBLEM AND GOAL

*	Describe the non point water quality problem to be addressed with this proposal. (i.e. the area affected, degree of impairment, beneficial uses impaired, and sources of non point pollution, etc.)
*	Is the water quality problem identified in a state, regional, or local comprehensive planning effort conducted within the last five (5) years?
*	Why did the district decide that this is a high priority? Is the problem identified in the district long range and/or annual plan of work?
•	Describe how your proposal will address the water quality problem define project goals. Does your proposal restore, maintain, enhance, identify or protect the problem? Will it have a statewide impact?

FORM D. WATER QUALITY PROBLEM AND GOAL (Continued)					

FORM E. PROJECT WORK PLAN

• •	Characterize your project work plan for solving or addressing the water quality problem you have noted above. Provide detailed project objectives and the accompanying tasks that will work to achieve the proposed project goals. Include timelines for accomplishing tasks and measurable outputs. (i.e. feet of fence that will be installed, number of tours that will be conducted, acres of riparian cuttings that will be planted, number of conservation plans written, etc.) How will you meet the Commission requirement for providing project-related water quality information and education activities? Use Forms H-1 & H-2 to provide a project budget. Discuss whether the project objectives and tasks are a cost effective means of accomplishing the project water quality goals. Discuss your district's ability to provide adequate project management, administration, oversight, accountability, and technical assistance.
	accountability, and technical assistance.

FORM E. PROJECT WORK PLAN	

FORM F. MEASURING PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS

 How will you determine and report on the success of your project? Include an objective and activities in your work plan that will measure project outcomes. (i.e. Water Quality Monitoring Plan, or a Water Quality Screening Plan containing one to three water quality indicators that will be used to measure impact on water quality before and after the project is implemented.) Discuss whether your project will have a direct or indirect impact on the water quality problem. 				

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FORM G. LOCAL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT

•	How does the project include the participation and support of the local public and interest groups? Provide evidence of the nature of their contribution, the level of commitment, and the
	status of written agreements.
•	Does the project involve cooperative efforts of several agencies or organizations? If so, provide evidence of the nature of their contribution, the level of commitment, and the status of written
	agreements.
•	For implementation activities, provide evidence of landowner willingness and/or commitment to
	participate.

FORM G. LOCAL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT (Continued)

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FORM H - 2. BUDGET DETAIL

Provide detail for the total cost of activities needed to in your PROJECT WORK PLAN (FORM E).	accomplish the	objectives and	tasks included
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Project BENEFITS			
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Conference/Registration Fees Other			
EQUIPMENT (Specify)			
EQUIFIVIENT (Specify)			
GOODS & SERVICES			
Rent			
Office Supplies			
Telephone/Utilities/etc.			
Copy/Printing Costs			
Postage/Mailing			
Other			
COST SHARE			
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Specify)			
OVERHEAD (No more than 15% of Salaries & Benefits)			
MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)			
3% DISCRETIONARY COSTS (No More Than 3%			
of the Total Grant Request Amount; not available if			
Overhead is used)			
TOTALS (Column A + Column B = Total Project Cost)			

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FORM I. ATTACHMENTS

Instructions List all attachments to your grant application below. Include the name of the attachment and the number. (i.e. Attachment 1 - NRCS Service Match Agreement). Label each attachment as Attachment 1, Attachment 2, etc. in the upper right hand corner of each page, and number each attachment as PAGE of in the lower right hand corner of each page.

APPENDIX A SUMMARY OF APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. WATER QUALITY PROBLEM AND GOAL

- ♦ Describe the non point water quality problem to be addressed with this proposal. (i.e. the area affected, degree of impairment, beneficial uses impaired, and sources of non point pollution, etc.)
- ♦ Is the water quality problem identified in a state, regional, or local comprehensive planning effort conducted within the last five (5) years?
- ♦ Why did the district decide that this is a high priority? Is the problem identified in the district long range and/or annual plan of work?
- Describe how your proposal will address the water quality problem -- define project goals. Does your proposal restore, maintain, enhance, or protect water quality? Will it have a state-wide impact?

2. PROJECT WORK PLAN

- Characterize your project work plan for solving or addressing the water quality problem you have noted above. Provide detailed project objectives and the accompanying tasks that will work to achieve the proposed project goals. Include timelines for accomplishing tasks and measurable outcomes. (i.e. feet of fence that will be installed, number of tours that will be conducted, acres of riparian cuttings that will be planted, number of conservation plans written, etc.)
- ♦ How will you meet the Commission requirement for providing project-related water quality information and education activities?
- ♦ Using the forms found on pages 19 & 20, provide a project budget. Explain how the project objectives and tasks are a cost effective means of accomplishing the project water quality goals.
- ♦ Describe your district's ability to provide adequate project management, administration, oversight, accountability, and technical assistance.

3. MEASURING PROJECT SUCCESS

- How will you determine and report on the success of your project?
- Include an objective and activities in your work plan that will measure project success. (i.e. Water Quality Monitoring Plan, or a Water Quality Screening Plan containing one to three water quality indicators that will be used to measure impact on water quality before and after the project is implemented.)
- Will your project have a direct or indirect impact on the water quality problem?

4. LOCAL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT

- How does the project include the participation and support of the local public and interest groups? Provide evidence of the nature of their contribution, the level of commitment, and the status of written agreements.
- Does the project involve cooperative efforts of several agencies or organizations? If so, provide evidence of the nature of their contribution, the level of commitment, and the status of written agreements.
- ◆ For implementation activities, provide evidence of landowner willingness and/or commitment to participate. (i.e. signed letters of support/commitment).

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APPENDIX B SAMPLE MATCH AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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REQUEST FOR NRCS ASSISTANCE FORM

Instructions If you will need assistance from NRCS to carry out your proposed water quality project, please work with your District Conservationist (DC) ASAP to complete this form. The DC will review the proposal with the NRCS Team for concurrence. If approved, the DC from the appropriate field office will sign the application. If the project involves work contributed by the state office NRCS staff, the form will be forwarded to the State Conservationist for approval of NRCS time and resources. Include a copy of this completed form including the appropriate signatures with your grant application.

No exceptions will be made! Forward the agreement letter or memorandum of agreement to the Commission when available.

1.	Requesting Conservation District	2. Date of Request
3.	Project Title	4. Funding Source
5.	Vehicles a. Present use of NRCS vehicles b. Requesting use of NRCS vehicles c. Present use of CD vehicles d. Amount of grant funding requested for vehicle	miles/month miles/month miles/month purchase or use? Describe.
6.	Office Space a. Present use of NRCS office space by CD empleb. Requested NRCS space to be used by CD empleb. Amount of grant funding requested for office space.	ployees square feet
7.	Computers a. Present use of NRCS computers b. Requested use of NRCS computers	hours/week hours/week

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8.	Telephone a. Present use of NRCS telephone b. Requested use of NRCS telephone c. Amount of grant funding requested for telephone equipment and charges? Describe.
9.	Field equipment a. What NRCS equipment do you currently use?
	b. What additional equipment are you requesting?
	c. Amount of grant funding requested for field equipment? Describe.
10.	Staff days of NRCS time requested by task by technical disciplines. Task / Technical Discipline(s) Days requested
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